

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 are pending and under consideration, claims 3-5 having been withdrawn pursuant to a restriction requirement.

In the Office Action of March 1, 2004, claim 1 was rejected, but claim 2 was deemed to allowable if re-written in independent form. Further, a new title was requested as were an amendment to Figures 4 and 5.

Regarding the title, a new title has been provided. It is submitted that the new title is acceptable.

Regarding the objection to Figures 4 and 5, it is submitted that the proposed amendment addresses the concern raised by the examiner and is acceptable.

Regarding the rejection of claim 1, the rejection is traversed.

In that regard, the rejection of claim 1 is based mainly on US Patent Publication 2003/0045029 to *Emoto*, with an earliest effective filing date of May 10, 2001. However, accompanying this amendment is a certified English language translation of the Japanese priority application P2001-017800 for the present application, for the purposes of perfecting priority and removing *Emoto* as a prior art reference. Given this removal, claim 1 is also allowable.


Regarding the amendment to claim 1, the changes correct grammatical errors and do not introduce new matter.

Regarding claim 2, that claim has been placed in independent form (with grammatical errors changed as appropriated), and now is in allowable form.

In addition to the foregoing, applicants submit that the method of manufacture claims are sufficiently closely related to the device claims to merit rejoinder by the examiner upon allowance of claims 1 and 2. Applicants request that claims 3-5 be rejoined in this application.

Given the foregoing, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.
Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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